

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES**

Thursday **March 26, 2009** @ 4:30
Santa Barbara Police Department
215 E. Figueroa St.

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Lauritsen, Lennon, Signor, Parker and Rodriguez

Staff Present: Police Chief Cam Sanchez, Sgt. Riley Harwood, Lt. Dave Whitham, Fire Marshall Joe Poire, Supervisor of the Fire Prevention Bureau, Jim Austin, Assistant City Attorney Michelle Montez, Councilmember Iya Falcone and Secretary, Barbara Sansone

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Parker to approve minutes of **February 26, 2009**

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote: Motion passed

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Any member of the public may address the Fire & Police Commission for up to one minute on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not scheduled for a public hearing before the Commission. The total time for this item is 10 minutes. If you wish to address the Commission under this item, please complete and deliver to the Commission Secretary before the meeting is convened, a "Request to Speak" form, including a description of the subject you wish to address.

- Wayne Scoles voiced complaints about Chief Sanchez and Detective Hunter and will be filing law suits in Los Angeles regarding his being falsely arrested
- Jim Worthin spoke about his disappointment in the current police department and feels that Chief Sanchez should be removed from office for the protection of the police force
- Susie Thompson spoke regarding the high density of clubs in the Lower State St. Entertainment District and restricting the number of dance permits
- Kay Morter of the Holiday Inn Express spoke regarding problems in the 500 and 600 blocks of State St. and the "public brawl" on the 500 block of State St. and requests the Department perform an investigation
- Tamara Erickson spoke regarding the appeal of Madison's dance permit and complaints against Madison's
- Secretary Barbara Sansone read an article to the Commissioners, per the author's request, written by Ken Williams of Noozhawk regarding the closing Ross Stiles murder case

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

5. OLD BUSINESS:

The Grand Jury Report will tentatively be discussed at the May Fire & Police Commission Meeting. Anti-Gang unit will be invited to give a presentation.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Tom Parker requested to tentatively have the Wildland Fire Plan presented at the May meeting.

7. FIRE CHIEF SELECTION PROCESS

Assistant City Administrator Joan Kent gave a presentation on the recruitment of the new Fire Chief. Chief Prince will be retiring on May 1, 2009. Battalion Chief Andy DiMizio will be the Interim Fire Chief and Dean Sylvies will be the Interim Deputy Fire Chief. A Special Meeting (April 8) will be held to discuss the hiring process of the new Fire Chief. Dan Signor requested that 2 representatives of the Commission (Chair and Vice Chair) be on the hiring panel. Joan Kent replied that this is typically the practice.

8. FIRE CHIEF BUDGET PRESENTATION

The digital recorder stopped recording at this time in the meeting.

Chief Prince gave handouts to the Commissioners regarding the FY10 budget.

Jon Turner of the Santa Barbara City Firefighters Association spoke as part of public comment after Chief Prince's presentation and discussed the Union's perspective of the proposed budget cuts.

9. POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRESENTATION

The Deputy Chief gave a brief presentation of the Police Department's proposed budget adjustments.

Since this meeting, the Commissioners have received a copy of the draft budget memo from Deputy Chief Mannix.

Officer Charles McChesney of the Police Officers Association discussed the Unions perspective of the proposed budget cuts as part of Public Comment.

10. UPDATE TO EXISTING FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO GENERAL COMMISSION BUSINESS AND MEETING PROCEDURES

- Assistant City Attorney Michelle Montez stated that she expects to have a draft ready for the Commissioners in May or June.

11. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Renewal of the Wildland Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment District going to Council in May
- Fire Sprinkler Ordinance going to City Council in April
- Chief Prince will bring Interim Chief Andy DiMizio to the next Commission meeting
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12. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Deputy Chief Mannix discussed the Ross Stiles homicide and stated that the case would be reopened if more evidence came forth.

9. ADJOURN: 6:30